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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 24, 2004, in the connection with the prosecution of the caption application, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.